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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Santa Claus is not going to bring peace to the world around Christmas time, but there is good ground for hoping that by this time next year we may have a peace. Germany's draem of a short war and a world victory have gone glimmering The fuehrer in his latest utterances speaks no more of a quick conclusive war but admits that beating England may take time. But sand in the hour glass for Germany is running out fast. Already its Italian ally is showing distress. If need be, of course, Hitler can police Italy and keep up its morale at bayonet point level. but that course also invites disaster. There is such a thing as spreading the German military regime so thin it becomes ineffective.

Norway's quiet rebellion against sending 20,000 of its men into Germany to work for German wages at war industries is symptomatic. In France realization of what German overlordship means is gradually penetrating the French peasant mind. The attitude of Russia is becoming clear in so far as the Balkans are concerned, that is to say, it prefers Turkey as the guardian of the Dardanelles, and wants no German watch towers on those strategic straits. Any German approach to European Turkey is regarded as hostile to the Kremlin. Russia, of itself, would not deter Hitler, probably, from his march to the East. But Russia making common cause with the subjugated nations, not by throwing armies into the field against the Germans, but by withholding such aid as is now available, and by wily economic strategy in the Balkans, could sabotage Hitler's plans.

On the whole, we would say, that so far as the Balkans are concerned, and so far as real assistance from Italy is involved, Hitler has experienced a qualiified defeat. This defeat is qualified by the Nazification of Rumania and the taking over of its resources in oil, timber and agricultural products. However, even the Rumanian situation adds to German embarrassment For whatever responsibility Hitler assumes in subjugated countries, adds just that much to the problem of keeping the German people content and working.

If, as is threatened and partly put into practice, Germany pillages the countries under its heel. it must increase its military forces in each country so treated, for almost any people faced with starvation or the quick death by a firing squad, will choose the latter. Even supposing Germany were victorious in a military sense, its plight, encircled with ruined, poverty stricken and starving neighbors, would be extremely precarious. These suffering peoples eventually would drag Germany down to their own level.

The only way to real German victory lies on the sea. If Hitler can defeat Great Britain and seize the British navy, if he can then muster the strength augmented by Japanese and Italian navies to wrest control of the seas from the United States, in time he might produce that "new world order." of which he dreams. The "ifs" however, are formidable. The ship building resources of Great Britain and the United States are immeasurably greater than those of continental Europe. The present incentive to excel in such a race is compelling upon both nations. Weighing all factors it would seem as if Germay was a victim of mass delusions of grandeur.

We confidently predict, that if England continues to suffer from ship losses due to bombing and torpedoing, this country will find itself policing the shipping lanes of Great Britain's "life lines." It is a logical development of our course. We are today selling or trading destroyers, cargo ships, and engaged in giving beleaguered England the support of our huge industrial resources. **The next step will be to use our navy to guard these supplies, both food and munitions, and Germany may like it or lump it.**

Joe O'Neill Passes Here Suddenly

Many Mourn Death of Popular Resident, Who Was But 47 Years Old

The residents of Nevada City were saddened yesterday by the death of Joe O'Neill, 47, one of the most widely known men of this city and janitor at the Elementary School.

O'Neill's death was sudden and an extreme shock despite the fact that for the past two years he had been all at various times. He was taken to the Miners Hospital here Saturday night and his death occurred there yesterday.

School Children Saddened

Included among the hundreds saddened by his departure are the pupils at the grammar school. To them he was always "Joe" and he enjoyed their confidences and companionship.

O'Neill took an active part in the Hydraulic Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West Lodge of this city and was its treasurer at the time of his death. O'Neill was also a member of the Past Presidents Association of the Native Sons organization.

Active Fireman

The deceased was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of this city and was also one of the first to respond to fire calls. Several years ago in the fire in the National Hotel he was nearly asphyxiated.

O'Neill held the same name as his father, who was principal of the grammar school here for years. For a time O'Neill worked at Dutch Flat and in San Diego but he always considered Nevada City his home.

Native of This City

O'Neill was born in Nevada City on November 13, 1893.

Surviving him are three brothers, John and Henry O'Neill of this city and Charlie O'Neill of Berkeley and a sister, Nan O'Neill.

The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the St. Canice Catholic Church here under the direction of the Holmes Funeral Home.

The body will be at the O'Neill home until the hour of the funeral Saturday.

NATURALIZATION HEARING HERE TOMORROW

Naturalization proceedings will be held in the superior court here tomorrow before Superior Judge George L. Jones.

Twenty five have qualified for the final citizenship hearing. Those successfully passing the examiner's test will be sworn in as citizens of the United States.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West will give a patriotic ceremony for the benefit of the new citizens and each one will be presented with an American Flag.

MINE MANAGER CALLED BACK TO SOUTH AMERICA

Francis C. O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. O'Connor of this city, left San Francisco by boat for Peru, South America, after a short vacation stay in the United States.

O'Connor, who visited with his parents here, was called back to his job as superintendent of a large hydraulic operation in Peru because of a large shipment of machinery to the mine. It will be necessary for him to be at the mine when the machinery arrives.

Al O'Connor, a brother, saw the mine superintendent off when he left San Francisco.

BRITISH WOMAN, VISITING HERE, TELLS OF TERRIBLE EFFECTS OF GERMAN BOMBING ON ENGLAND

Mrs. Florence Hawke of Plymouth, England, has arrived in Nevada City for an indefinite stay as the guest of Fred Searls and Mr. and Mrs. John Becker and with her she brought first hand knowledge of the terrifying experiences her people are undergoing as the result of continuous German bombing.

According to Mrs. Hawke, the British morale is high and the one thought in their minds is "We are going to win; we must win."

First Visit Here

This is Mrs. Hawke's first visit to Nevada City, in fact her first visit to the United States. She became acquainted with the Beckers and Searls in South Africa, where for 25 years her husband, the late William Hawke was employed with the Crown Mining Company, one of the largest mining firms in the world.

Her long familiarity with the many mining figures who left this district to work in South Africa had instilled with Mrs. Hawke a desire to some day visit in Nevada City.

It is regretable, however, that desire has been satisfied under such tragic conditions. The war prompted Mrs. Hawke to come to the United States. If it had not been for the war Mrs. Hawke would probably have spent the remaining days of her life at her home near Plymouth.

Experience Horrifying

Mrs. Hawke's accounts of her experiences, and those of her relatives and neighbors during the past several months are interesting and enlightening but to some extent horrifying.

Mrs. Hawke stated the newspapers here do not receive the true picture of the suffering and casualties of the German bombing. She tells of one instance where a shelter at Bristol was struck by a bomb and more than 300 people, men, women and children alike, killed.

Mrs. Hawke has seen cities and communities practically laid waste by German air raiders. Property damage as well as the death toll was enormous.

She was in Plymouth during the most damaging raids on that town by the German airmen. During the one night she spent in Liverpool there were three air raids. Terrific damage was done to the buildings, Mrs. Hawke reports.

Arrived Last Month

Mrs. Hawke left Liverpool on November 9th and arrived in New York on November 19th. It required ten days to cross the Atlantic. Included on the Samaria, on which Mrs. Hawke was a passenger were many refugee children ,bound for homes in America.

Mrs. Hawke states the English are prepared to fight to the last in the defense of their country and are determined to win. The people are uniting wholeheartedly in doing everything and saving everything for the "cause."

No complaints are heard from the stout-hearted people because of the privation and rationing of food supplies. Even the newspapers have felt the effect of the rationing. The scarcity of newsprint has cut the newspapers down to less than half of normal size, Mrs. Hawke states.

Will Aid Cause Here

While in this country, Mrs. Hawke hopes to do everything she possibly can to aid the British cause.

The fearful bombing and noise of sirens and explosions are still firm in the memory of Mrs. Hawke. She sometimes forgets she is safe in America and anticipates a terrible explosion at any minute.

Relatives in England

Mrs. Hawke is anxious about the safety of three sisters and a brother, all of whom reside in the vicinity of Plymouth. She also has a brother residing near Minnemucca, Nev.

Mrs. Hawke's husband went to South Africa from Tonopah, Nev. The Hawkes were married in South Africa. Their home there was a rendezvous for all American mining men who went to that district. Hawke died in 1938.

Mrs. Hawke said she likes the United States and likes the people. She said her reception since her arrival has been one of kindness and generosity.

On Business Here—

Glenn Wright of The Sacramento Bee advertising staff, was in this city Tuesday on business.

GAS MASK ON DISPLAY

When Mrs. Florence Hawke came to the United States she brought with her a gas mask, which everyone in England must carry at all times.

The Nugget has the mask displayed in one of its windows. Each mask is the individual property of the owner.

Death Calls Prominent Resident Of This Area

MRS. MARY CURNOW SUCCUMBS AT DAUGHTER'S HOME FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF TWO WEEKS

Death early today claimed Mrs. Mary Curnow, 85, one of the most beloved older residents of this city. Mrs. Curnow was the mother of Horace Curnow, manager of the Nevada City branch of the Bank of America, Mrs. E. B. Dudley, wife of the county welfare agent and Mrs. John Herboth of this city and Mrs. John Quick of Azusa.

Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Herboth were at the bedside of Mrs. Curnow when the end came. Mrs. Curnow had been ill for about two weeks with influenza.

Widow of Phil Curnow

The deceased moved to this city to make her home with Mrs. Herboth ten years ago, following the death of her husband, Phillip Curnow, who for years was a miner, merchant and postmaster of North Columbia.

The Curnows came to Nevada County from England in 1888. Two of their six children were born in England. Two daughters preceded the couple in death.

While living at North Columbia Mrs. Curnow made hundreds of friends and during her ten years residence in this city became widely acquainted.

Born In 1855

The date of the birth of Mrs. Curnow was August 2, 1855.

She leaves 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The body of the deceased was taken to the Holmes Funeral Home here. The funeral services will probably be held Sunday afternoon with interment in the Masonic Cemetery following.

John Quick, Mrs. Curnow's son-in-law, was killed about two months ago in an automobile accident.

Temperature Dropped To Low Level This Morning; North Wind Causes Misery

Did you feel the cold this morning?

Well, you should have. The temperature dropped to 21 degrees just before sunrise, the coldest it has been yet this year.

Mrs. Jennie Preston stated it was three degrees colder this morning than yesterday morning. At 7:30 this morning it was 24 degrees above zero.

If it seemed the thermometer was around zero when you braved the elements this morning it was because of the north wind. The wind wasn't very strong, but oh! how cold.

Weather report: Cold will continue.

California Fair Is National Leader

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—(UP)—The California state fair retained its leadership as the largest of its kind in the nation with an attendance of 713,625, Secretary Manager Kenneth Hamaker said today upon returning from the convention of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in Chicago.

The Minnesota state fair was second largest with 660,000.

A major discussion topic was admission prices and Hammaker said the California fair was studying a proposal that the 50 cents admission be reduced to 25 cents, with passes eliminated.

ALPHA STORE BURGLAR GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

William Haynes, 18, who pleaded guilty to burglarizing the Alpha Store here about two months ago, was sentenced to serve nine months in the county jail by Superior Judge George L. Jones. Haynes will be on probation following the serving of the jail sentence.

Charles Matlock, Haynes' accomplice in the burglary, has also entered a guilty plea and Probation Officer A. W. McGagin is preparing a report on Matlock's application for probation.

First Plea Changed

Matlock at first pleaded not guilty. When the jury was summoned to try him he changed his plea to guilty and asked for probation.

Both Haynes and Matlock were arrested in Reno. Officers said they recovered most of the loot, which included guns, blasting powder, knives, suitcases and many other articles, in the possession of the two.

More Toys Needed For Unfortunates

Hundreds of toys have been reconditioned and repainted by Max Solaro for distribution to unfortunate children at Christmas but Max says still more toys, hundreds in fact, are needed to assure a happy Christmas for all.

The toys can be left at the city hall.

TREE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

The lighted Christmas tree on top of the city hall is attracting considerable attention. The tree was decorated and placed on the building Tuesday by Max Solaro.

By Saturday night Solaro hopes to have the fire department's colorful Santa Claus installed above the entrance into the city hall.

Tragedy Occurs At Narrows Dam Project With Less Than Two Weeks Of Work Before Its Completion

Daniel Blanton Killed When Knocked From Crest By Cable

Misfortune struck on the Upper Narrows Debris Dam project Tuesday night with less than two weeks of construction before its completion.

Daniel L. Blanton, 27, of Marysville was killed when he was struck by a cable and knocked from the crest of the dam to the river bed 250 feet below. The accident was witnessed by horrified workers.

Work Halted

The Arundel-Dixon Company immediately halted night shift operations and the crew recovered the body of Blanton in the river. The force of his fall carried his body through a heavy catwalk 25 feet above the river bottom.

Coroner A. M. Holmes, who conducted an investigation, said Blanton was unloading material from the highline when he was apparently struck by a cable, knocking him from his position.

Was Carpenter Helper

Blanton had been employed on the dam project since its construction started. He was a carpenter's helper.

The fatality was the second since the dam started.

The body of Blanton was taken to the Holmes Funeral Home in Grass Valley. The deceased leaves a wife and two children in Marysville.

ANNUAL WHITE CHRISTMAS EVENT WILL BE HELD THURS.

The date for the Nevada City Civic Club's White Christmas party has been set for Thursday afternoon, December 19th, at 1:30.

The annual event will be held at the court house. H. E. Kjorlie of the high school and Cecil Klee of the grammar school will have charge of the parade of all the children. The children will march from the schools each with his white gift, which will be placed at the tree.

The program under the direction of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Libbey will be offered. The Civic Club invites the public to witness this annual demonstration of the true Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Murchie Chairman

Mrs. Murchie is chairman of the general committee arranging for the event. Others on the committee are Mrs. Dudley, Miss Goyne, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Scheemer.

The committee asks that all gifts be wrapped in white and labeled as to their contents to avoid the necessity of opening each package.

F. F. Cassidy has offered the room formerly occupied by the VFW on Commercial Street in which to make up the boxes for distribution.

Cooperation Offered

Max Solaro has offered the cooperation of the firt department and Mrs. Hallett the fireman's auxiliary and Bert Foreman the chamber of commerce.

Last year there were 23 boxes distributed. Besides the children's gifts of food, the civic club purchased and distributed meat, groceries and wood. The purchases were made possible through contributions of individuals and organizations. They need your help this year. Contributions may be made. The Plaza Grocery has donated 3 pounds of candy for the boxes.

Pleads Guilty To Simple Assault Charge, Asks For Probation

Williard Jones, 54, French Corral road worker, pleaded guilty before Superior Judge George L. Jones here to a charge of simple assault and asked for probation.

Jones had been charged with assault with a deadly weapon but the felony was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Jones was accused of firing a rifle bullet at his 15 year old daughter as a climax to a quarrel at their home in French Corral recently.

Recovers From Illness—

G. E. Mitchell, Tahoe National Forest Service engineer, is back on the job after an absence of several days because of illness.



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The Migrant Problem

For more than 50 years at a time when it was called "Consumption" the dread tuberculosis has gone on taking its thousands of victims. Here we have one of the great human problems, so greatly neglected everywhere. Right now California is particularly afflicted by the disease among the migrant hordes who come from everywhere, almost, to unload their burdens on the taxpayers—forgetting, if we can, the tragic danger they impose upon the people of the Pacific Coast aside from the matter of money.

So insistent. have become the demands from the people for relief from this situation, Representative Elliott of this state will seek congressional action in the next session for passage of his bill authorizing a yearly appropriation of one million dollars providing for allocation to the various states and their sub-divisions to prevent, treat properly, and control tuberculosis among the migrants. This bill was introduced last August and referred to the house committee on interstate commerce. There it received an adverse report from the budget bureau because it "was not in accord with the program of the president." Does he not believe in saving life? Indeed, isn't this a form of defense?

Similar action was taken in the departments of agriculture and labor. As if this were not sufficiently discouraging the federal security agency, through its administratof, Paul V. McNutt, sent a report that while the administrator realized the menace to health he believed there was a "reasonable doubt" as to whether tuberculosis could be isolated anl treated separately.

Intelligent men and women, including physicians, of course, will find McNutt's naive admission that he is nearly half a century behind on information involving science, rather astonishing, but this will be tempered by McNutt's further report that hospitalization is the prescribed treatment for such cases and that proper care costs about $1,000 a year for every case. With $1,000,000, he says, treatment could be provided for only about 1000 persons which, he says, is less than two per cent of tuberculosis transient.

Representative Elliott and others insist, however, that while the relief suggested might be only a meager start it would develop information not now available. This information might lead to an ultimate solution.

The whole question. now so difficult of solution, the apparent lack of scientific information, is discouraging, especially when men whose hair has grown gray in the work could give congress facts that members—and Mr. McNutt—seem to have missed. Time was when "consumption" was believed to be hereditary. That belief was removed long ago, although it still has some supporters. With heart disease, tuberculosis probably is the nation's worst and most costly disease.

Under the welfare clause of the constitution the federal government might properly and should, give its aid in the migrant problem now so difficult for California to carry. Certainly it can help these unfortunate people as legally as it has helped millions in relief work. Representative Elliott should have the influential assistance of every citizen.

Ever Been To Toluol?

Did you ever know anyone who's been to Toluol? Sounds like the name of a small East Indian colony, something that ought to be in the atlas right after Thaland and Togoland, doesn't it? But it's not actually a country at all; it's an industial product, and one that has suddenly become of primary importance to this country.

For toluol is a necessary ingredient in the making of high explosives, and the successful production of modern shells would, to say the least, be very seriously hampered if we lacked proper supplies of it.

Our point is that the United States today, in its defense effort, is depending completely upon American industry for a great many products and processes that the general public has never even heard of. And we are indeed fortunate that in this country our industries have developed a research skill and a producing skill not equalled anywhere else in the world.

Methods of producing toluol from coke were developed for peace time uses in the making of dyestuffs and can now be adopted to defense purposes. In the derivation and refining of dozens of other strategic materials, unfamiliar to the layman, industry has laid the peacetime foundation for our defense security. Molybdenum, manganese, diphenylamine—the list could be continued almost endlessly. And just as important is our industry's leadership in producing the better-known materials—copper, tin, steel, rubber, and the rest.

Where's toluol? Industry has the answer. And the fact points again to an old truth—that in peace or times of trouble industry is performing wonders every day to add to the welfare or security of the American people, and that these wonders are all too often forgotten or ignored by some of the very people who are its beneficiaries!—Contributed.

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Remembering The Rights of Citizens

For those who follow affairs in Washington with any interest—and surely all good citizens should do so—there is one recent happening that should be a source of real encouragement. We have in mind the fact that Congress has given such serious consideration to the Walter-Logan Bill. Whatever the ultimate fate of that measure, the fact that the legislators gave their time to it just now is a genuinely comforting sign.

For these are troubled world times. And the natural tendency is to forget completely about the very ideas and ideals we are trying to defend in our excitement about defending them.

Congress, in going to bat on the Walter-Logan Bill, sharply reversed that trend. For this particular piece of legislation is aimed at protecting certain of the basic rights of American citizens. It allows for court review of a great many of the decisions rendered by the tremendous flock of new quasi-judicial, quasi-executive, and quasi-judicial agencies of our federal government which are in no way responsible directly to the people.

In the past. certain of these agencies—most notably, the Wagner Labor Relations Board—have been inclined to cut corners in neglecting the rights of the citizenry. In the most flagrant cases, courts have usually been able to temper the decisions imposed by this particular board. But a wider right to court review would be a powerful assertion of the principles in the Bill of Rights.

As we say, it is encouraging to know that Congress still believes in the importance of domestic issues and the protection of the civil rights of Americans. It is a further sign that this representative democracy of ours is not strong enough but intelligent enough to guard its basic liberties in the midst of a world at war.—Contributed.

Politically Speaking

By JOHN W. DUNLAP
United Press Staff Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12—(UP)—The backseat guessers who attempt to predict legislative doings have something of a cinch in lining up the leadership of the 1941 legislature, thanks to important developments in the special session just ended.

There seems little possibility that anything the administration can do will stop the steamroller campaign of Gordon Garland to repeat as assembly speaker. Gordon was elected last February by a coalition of conservative democrats and republicans, the same group which with added recruits, plans to put Garland back in the drivers seat in January.

Garland is distasteful to the governor and his democratic bloc, which would like to see Cecil King of Los Angeles named speaker. They brand Garland as a traitor to the democratic party and waged a vigorous campaign to unseat him in the November election.

Garland took time off from directing the special session parliamentary circus to count up what he expected to be the lineup next year. He already had pledges from 37 returning republicans, the six other members of the "economy bloc" returning plus the prospect of some votes from new members and certain lawmakers who were breaking away from the governor's camp.

There is no accurate prediction possible on who will vote how in 1941, but it looks like the administration may have lost the support of such previous stalwarts as Ralph Dills of Compton, Hugh Burns of Fresno, Michael J. Burns republican of Eureka, Jack Tenney, Inglewood democrat and A. F. Robertson, Santa Barbara. Various factors influenced the defections, some believing they were not "taken care of" by the administration in the last election, and others having private beefs with the "corner office."

Among the new members expected to go along with the Garland bloc—according to the bloc itself—are Randal F. Dickey, Alameda republican; Lorne D. Middough, Long Beach democrat; Fred N. Howser, Long Beach republican, and Vincent Thomas, San Pedro democrat.

If this lineup stands fast, Garland believes he can command from 55 to 60 votes on most legislation.

The next best spot is the speaker pro-tem, now held by Gardiner Johnson, Berkeley republican. Johnson and Thomas Maloney, San Francisco republican were candidates for the speaker who withdrew in the caucus to support Garland, so probably won't be after the pro-tem position. One of the most likely contenders is Michael Burns, a middle of the road republican who is popular with all factions.

Republicans will insist that their votes for a democrat for speaker should entitle them to the pro-tem job. Less likely to nab the post are Hugh Burns, Fresno democrat and C. D. Field, Glendale republican.

The job of floorleader is an important one and Earl Desmond, Sacramento member of the democratic economy bloc, is likely to continue the job held in the special sessions this year. Desmond did a good job and is said to have aspirations for lieutenant governor in the offing, a factor that would encourage him to keep the floor spot.

It is a foregone conclusion that Garland's election would mean a wholesale revision of committees, with the coalition getting all the plums and the administration forces the leavings. Human nature being what it is, some of the fence riders may choose to go along with the coalition in the hope of landing some good committee jobs and not being left out in the cold. Hopping on the bandwagon is the usual procedure.

The situation in the senate also seems rather cut and dried, with president pro-tem Jerrold Seawell apparently having enough votes to get his job back. W. P. Rich, Marysville republican and former holder of the job, said he was a contender during the special session but an open fight was not likely between the two party leaders.

Rich was seriously injured in an automobile accident shortly before the start of the 1939 session and barely returned to his desk before adjournment. Seawell stepped into the job and cracked the whip creditably for the ensuing two years.

The republicans gained two members for a margin of 24 to 16, which is even more formidable when the conservative democrats are counted.

DOG HELD FOR DAYS IN TRAP

Camptonville, Cal., Dec. 9, 1940.
Nevada City Nugget:

Just recently one of my ranch dogs was gone for five days. He came home starved for water and food and had a bad foot cut to the bone, evidently with a steel trap. I have no objection to trapping with steel traps (not too large) provided the traps are not too close to my land and especially my home ranch. I have two dogs. They are trained to work this ranch of mine thoroughly. Otherwise the destruction to the vineyard, orchard and garden would be severe.

I think we should have some legislation to compel any trapper to check on his line of traps every day, and that he should live on the ground so that he could be contacted at anytime.

Let's hear from some one else on this matter.

Yours truly.

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The grim story of England's proud determination to defeat Hitler, despite the devastation his bombing wreaks on London and other cities, is related in another letter received recently (though mailed in October) by Mr. H. U. Maxfield, of Alleghany's Sixteen-to-One mine, from Mr. A. Beeby Thompson an English friend who resides in London. The letter follows:

A. Beeby Thompson & Partners
18, St. Swithin's Lane, London, E. C. 4, England. 11th Oct. 1940.
H. U. Maxfield Esq., 1611 Russ Building, San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Maxfield:

As you will have gathered from the press London is now getting the full benefit of Hitler's anger in the foolish belief that if he destroys the capital we are beaten. This mistaken idea must now be clear to him for everyone is now resigned to the destruction of what was once most dear to all with artistic temperaments. The demolition of churches and buildings dating back hundreds of years is a terrible blow not only to England but to the world, but that is better than domination by a foul wretch like Hitler who fears neither Gor nor devil and is as brutal to his own countrymen as to foreigners. Our office was a pitiable spectacle after one of the bad raids and it was only reached by walking over roads strewn with broken glass and shattered masonry. Within all windows had disappeared and plaster, soot and filth covered everything. In windowless rooms, cleared of the worst mess bankers and business people could be seen from the street working at their desks in the mess of wreckage, shaky partitions and burst doors. My poor old club was blasted and shattered and old city churches were a terrible sight with priceless ceilings and windows piled up on the pews. When direct hits were scored all but the latest structures crumpled to fragments. Much of the scene reminded me of the San Francisco earthquake when I visited the place with you, but of course more sporadic than that.

Scarcely a spot in England has escaped visitations but my house is still intact although it has been well shaken by bombs at times. Being on the direct route to London from Dover, Sevenoaks is the scene of thrilling air combats when our fighters meet the Huns on the way to and from London. Sometimes hundreds of planes could be seen overhead at 20,000 feet, engaged in air battles with a rattle of machine gun fire, whilst every now and again planes could be seen falling in flames and parachutes descending. Journeys to town are very difficult due to destruction of railways and the necessity for detours by bus or other lines. Still everyone goes about his business, raids or no raids, and traffic continues in the streets and on the railways, repairs being quickly executed by squads. Delayed-action bombs have caused much trouble, but even these are now being quickly dealt with by specialists who have learned some tricks. All ordinary work has practically come to an end, and I am now regarded as too old for military duties. Apart from advice to War Office problems there is little doing. Mr. Anton Gray has now migrated to the country but we are in touch and when things quieten, if they ever do, we may get together for a long talk. I did not know he was in your gold mine in California. As one of your selections he has goneup immeasurably in my estimation.

It now seems quite clear that your country will soon be in with us. The attitude of Japan makes it quite apparent that they are intent on clearing Europeans from the East and the fate of the Dutch East Indies depends upon the attitude of Britain and U. S. A. Once your war industries get into their stride our combined naval and military forces will be a formidable obstacle to Hitler's ambitions. Italy doesn't count as she is an impotent tool of Hitler. Their fleet dare not move and the army has little desire to meet our men in battle. Unless overwhelmed by numbers or weapons they would be a pitiable crowd before our men who are just itching to get at them. Italy must be short of nearly everything needed for warfare for they never intended to fight but to share the swag when the end came. The ordinary people I know are dead against the war and Musso's dreams of a new Roman Empire are just nonsense. Romans were men, not worms, and fought cleanly and bravely.

I know that you and yours are working for our cause and that of humanity and one cannot believe how men with blood in their veins can submit to the tyrannies of a few intent on levelling human beings to the standard of a termite. To our airmen and navy we owe our protection at the moment and once U. S. A. sends us more planes and aviators we will be able to give Germany a taste of the blitzkreig about which they talk so much. England still awaits the promised invasion almost with anxiety, in fact the only grouse made against the air force is that they prevented the attack from developing. Meanwhile Hitler continues his attacks on hospitals, the schools, civilians in preference to military objects, and whilst thousands of children and women have been killed, few soldiers have even been injured. Travel becomes increasily difficult and I don't know whether I can get abroad now. I should dearly love to get over to America if I can do nothing useful here, and think I could do a lot of writing for the press with my intimate acquaintance with Europe and all the teheatres of war—Lybia, Abyssinia, Arabia, Palestine, Cyprus, Kenya, Uganda, Egypt, Sudan, etc. I have been writing quite a bit for the London leading papers and many of my photos have been published in the Illusrated journals.

With kindest regards, believe me.
Yours very sincerely.
A. BEEBY THOMPSON.

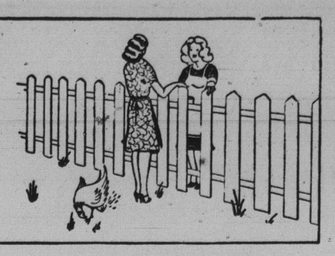
Anton Gray is well known in this region. He was formerly employed in the Sixteen-to-One. He is now one of the most eminent mining engineers in Great Britain. Though an American, he prefers to remain in London where he can best serve the cause of Great Britain.

Sister Seriously Injured—

Frank Chernoh, Alpha Store employee, was called to Sacramento yesterday because of the serious condition of a sister, who was injured in an automobile accident near Placerville.

THIS BUSINESS OF *Living*

BY SUSAN THAYER



Mrs. Smith Discovers Smithville

Mrs. Smith's children were grown and her comfortable house was so well equipped with modern devices it was easy to take care of. But Mrs. Smith was busy. Ever since the war started she had been up to her ears in work.

She spent every spare minute knitting and had six sweaters and ten pairs of socks to her credit. She had organized a defense committee in her club six months ago and a study course in Democracy in her church. She was one of the original members of the "Bundles for Britain" group in her town and was active in the Red Cross. It was wonderful to be "in things," Mrs. Smith felt and to have a part in the big affairs of the world and so, although she went to bed exhausted night after night, she didn't mind.

Then, one day, she learned how the tax payers' money was being wasted by a corrupt city government. "But why is it allowed?" she demanded of her husband, her eyes blazing in righteous indignation. "Why doesn't somebody do something about it?"

"You may take a hand in it," her husband suggested. "You and a half dozen other public spirited women could save this town thousands of dollars. You could do something about those houses over there on the other side of the tracks, too, and see if those stories we hear about the grade school are true.

"But I'm busy," Mrs. Smith protested. "There's all this war work I'm doing and there's my knitting and—."

"And while you're thinking about the war, which isn't your business anyhow, you neglect the things that you might do to make Smithville a better town. You don't know whether your neighbor's children are being taught to respect the American way or not. You haven't taken the trouble to find out if home relief in Smithville is being administered fairly and efficiently. You didn't try to put the right men in local offices at the last election."

"But I want to do something for the world—something for America" she protested.

"And do you know what the biggest thing you and about a million other women like you could do for your country and for democracy? You could help to make it work so well—so efficiently in your own home town that no one living there would ever dream of wanting to substitute something else for it—and if every one in a hundred thousand towns like Smithville believed with all their heart and soul and mind in our American representative democracy, it could never even be threatened!"

Combined Meeting Of P. T. A. Groups Will Be Held

A combined meeting of the elementary and high school Parent Teachers Association will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock at the Elementary School.

Cecil Klee will have charge of the program and his eighth grade class will present a play. Miss Ivey Adele Ripter will present several of her speech and dramatic class pupils in a short program.

The tea hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Jean Walker, chairman, Mrs. R. Wells, Mrs. Henry Sattlers, Miss Ruth Hogan and Gertrude Williams.

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Forest Grove, Oregon.
December 2, 1940.

Mrs. Belle Douglass,
Nevada City, California.
Dear Friend Belle:

Mr. and Mrs. Cairns mailed me a copy of the Nevada City Nugget giving you interesting writeup of the history of the old Narrow Gauge. I surely enjoyed reading it as it brought back memories to me of names and faces of the men I used to work with and the good times we had in those days. We all had a warm spot in our hearts for Nevada City and used to do our celebrating there every pay day. Grass Valley and Nevada City were pretty lively towns in those days. It was great sight to see 8 or 10 of those freight teams backed up to the Nevada City depot loading supplies for the upper country.

I think there are only four of us old pioneers of the road living. James McCormack, Grass Valley, Albert Benjamin, Colfax, William Benjamin, Sacramento and myself. I started as a brakeman about 1880 when I was 15 years of age. Was promoted to conductor at 17.

I was quite a favorite of Mrs. Kidder so she presented me with a cap. She made a velvet band trimmed with a gold braid and embroidered the word "Conductor" on it in gold letters. I surely felt like a very important man when I put on that cap and the blue coat with brass buttons. They used to cell me the baby conductor.

I figured I would never do anything else but railroad so I studied all branches so I could fill any position. I intended to transfer over to the Southern Pacific where the opportunities were greater for advancement.

After I recovered from the appendicitis operation in May, 1898 I was appointed assistant freight agent and telegraph operator under Andrew Parker. Held that job down until Dec. 1st then resigned and bought the bakery business on Commercial Street from Fred Boast. I installed the first bakery wagon they ever had in Nevada City. After a very successful year we sold out to Howard Loveland and bought Eph Cohens candy store on January 1, 1900. I remember you being in the store helping us out when we gave all the candy away to the school kids. We surely did a rushing business for a few days. The kids were always our friends from that time on to the last day we were in business.

We bought the old Sigourney building on Commercial Street from L. Lubeck, remodeled it and moved down there. Bought the Tilly building on Broad Street from Tom Scadden in 1906. Had to wait until the six year lease expired. Remodeled it and moved up there is 1912. Sold out to Ida and Jim Colly on May 10, 1916, and Jim is still running the business.

We traveled around the country for several months and then had to go with the Western Union Telegraph Comany, during the last World War. Took charge of the Nevada City office in April 1917. Was later transferred to Richmond, California and then to Napa. After the war was over and the government turned the lines back to the Western Union I resigned and went back in the candy business in San Jose. Retired in 1935.

Addie S. Mather passed away in September 1939, at 87. She was a sister to Mrs. Kidder. She left us the old home in this city so we remodeled it and made quite a beautiful home for ourselves.

We will celebrate our golden wedding anniversary next May. We were married at Grass Valley in 1891. My but how time does pass along! If you ever come up we would like to have you visit us. We will show you all the interesting sights of Oregon. Been having quite a lot of rain for two months but so far no snow or frosty weather.

I still have a very warm spot in my heart for Nevada City and her dear people and am always delighted when I can pay them a visit. We stopped there three days last August and surely enjoyed seeing our old friends. Was surprised to see the way the town is building up. When I read about the wrecking of the old Armory Hall I felt that I had lost an old friend as I had so may good times in that old building. The new Purity store surely makes a great improvement. After we retired that night I kept Addie awake for three hours telling her about events that happened in those old days. I could have rambled along for a month but she finally said I had better sign off and finish the broadcast some other time. I guess that is what you will think by the time you finish reading this letter so in signing off we wish yourself and relatives and all of the dear people of your dear little city a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,
ADDIE AND CHARLIE TEGLER



MINORITIES PUT PRESSURE ON LEGISLATURE

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles by Ralph H. Taylor, secretary of the Agricultural Council of California, discussing the operation of the California Unemployment Insurance Act—and demands for "liberalization" of the act, which will be made when the Legislature convenes in January.

There is no ceiling on the demands of minority groups for public benefits!

The truth of that statement has been borne out in the State Legislature repeatedly during recent years.

Old age pension advocates, disregarding the burdens of working citizens who must foot the bills, have constantly fought for bigger pensions, despite the fact that California already has the most liberal pension system in the nation.

Labor organizations have ceaselessly endeavored to boost payment under the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Act, to shorten hours and increase wages and to secure the enactment of "make work" legislation which would create artificial work at public expense.

Relief organizations, until driven to cover by public expose of their racketeering activities, sought to intimidate legislators by threatened "purges" and "hunger marches" on the Capitol and constantly demanded bigger and better relief payments—until, in many cases, relief checks were greater than paychecks, paid for honest employment.

The public, slow to anger, has finally repudiated some of the special groups which sought constantly mounting public favors. The Ham and Eggs groups was so soundly beaten in 1939 that it failed to qualify for this year's ballot. The Communist dominated relief unions have been broken up and relief costs have dwindled by millions. And many of the "make work" bills which labor leaders sought in bygone years have gone to the legislative graveyard with few to mourn them.

The end is not yet, however. At the forthcoming session of the state legislature, which convenes in January, it is announced that the California State Federation of Labor will demand "liberalization" of the State Department of Insurance Act to provide as follows:

1. Inclusion of agricultural labor and dometsic help under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act. (The present California law applies only to employers with four or more workers on their payrolls and does not include farm workers or domestics.)

2. Increase in the weekly maximum unemployment benefit from $18 to $25 and elimination of "merit ratings" for employers who maintain constant employment for their employees.

The proposed changes would make it mandatory for all employers, regardless of the number of their employees—or the nature of their work—to contribute to the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

Farmers, who have no "unemployment insurance" if crops fail or markets are demoralized, would still be required to set up unemployment insurance for their workers—and pay through the nose to maintain it.

Perhaps the most serious aspect of the Unemployment Insurance situation is the fact that it is now quite apparent that there will be no ceiling on demands until the public puts its foot down and serves notice that it will not pay a premium for indolence and idleness.

At the 1939 session of the legislature, the weekly unemployment benefits for jobless workers were increased from $15 to $18. Now it is proposed that they be increased to $25. And the truth of the matter is that there are thousands of workers in California, laboring diligently to keep up their end, paying their taxes and not grumbling, who don't earn as much for hard labor as it is now proposed to pay other men for not laboring.

More could be said on this subject—much more! There are thousands of farmers in California, who have risked their life savings and have labored from sunup to sundown during the past year—and many years before—who are not averaging $25 per week on their investment and their labor. Why, in the name of common sense, should they guarantee $25 per week in unemployment benefits to any one? That question is asked, in all fairness, of the California State Federation of Labor and its officials who are now preparing to make new demands on the state legislature.

An important Agricultural Economic Conference, sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture, and open to all farmers, and anyone else interested, will be held in Stockton, December 17 and 18, in the Municipal auditorium. We recommend attendance at this important meeting, held in an effort to stabilize agriculture in this state.

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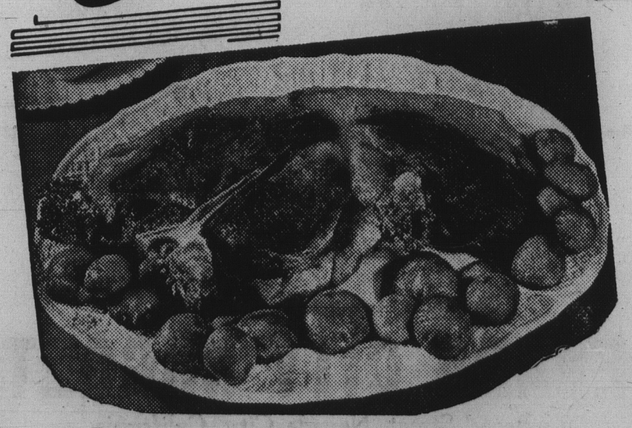
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The government is seeking to obtain 178.8 acres of the company's land, valued by the concern at $315,000. The acreage previously had been used for grazing land.

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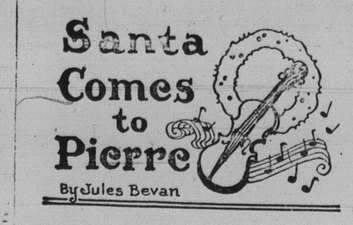
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OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.

"Mamma!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mamma, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal



Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrul!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears.

"Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere . . ."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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FINANCIAL CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR SMALL FARMERS IN NEVADA COUNTY

Small farmers in Nevada and Sierra county who are wondering where they can get their hands on enough capital to finance nevt year's operations were offered some financial Christmas cheer today by Leland Lapp, Farm Security Administration rehabilitation supervisor for Sutter, Yuba, Nevad and Sierra counties.

Lapp said that his agency has sufficient funds for allotments made by congress for the FSA rural rehabilitation program, to make loans to many more farmers in the county believed to be eligible for this type of government assistance.

Farm security administration extends limited credit to reliable and experienced farmers to finance purchase of seed, feed, tools, fertilizer, livestock and other goods and equipment needed for successful operation of a family type farm. Loans are also made to groups of farmers who wish to cooperate in buying and using heavy farm machinery such as tractors, combines, feed choppers and spray rigs, or purebred sires for their livestock projects.

The typical loan runs from one to five years, at five per cent interest. Applications may be made in person or in writing to Mr. Lapp, at his office in the New Yuba City Post Office Building, at Yuba City, California.

CHRISTMAS TREE PATROL OF TAHOE FOREST COMMENDED IN EDITORIAL

The Sacramento Bee commended the Tahoe National Forest's Christmas Tree patrol in an editorial yesterday's issue.

The Bee stated the patrol is "so impressively proving its value, public sentiment will insist that whatever expense is connected with the work shall be met from federal, state and local sources. Enforcement must not falter."

The editorial follows:

Promiscuous Christmas three cutting—a particular odious form of vandalism—is now under the ban in California.

Neither on public nor private property can the trees be felled by outsiders without first securing a duly notarized permit. While forestry officials are willing to cooperate with these who want to cut their own trees, they are discouraging this practice as likely to yield a less satisfactory tree than one purchased from the authorized and supervised commercial operators probably at a less cost.

And patrols have been established in the national forests to see to it that the depredations of law defying poachers are held to a minimum. State highway patrol officers, also are stopping cars carrying trees to see that the permits are in order.

That good results are being reaped from this program, in operation for the first time this year, is the story which comes from forestry officials.

For example, Supervisor Guerdon Ellis of the Tahoe National Forest reports that promiscuous cuttings, so common in other years, have been reduced to a remarkable degree.

And supervision of the wholesale as well as individual removal of the trees is declared to have insured a reduction in the wastage and thus is a direct and valuable contribution to forest conservation.

One thing only appears to be needed, and that is an increase in the funds to pay for the patrol work and the assurance that such funds will be provided each year as the Christmas tree cutting period rolls round.

With the patrol so impressively proving its value public sentiment will insist that whatever expense is connected with the work shall be met from federal, state and local sources. Enforcement must not falter.

CAMPTONVILLE NOTES

CAMPTONVILLE Dec. 12.—W. J. Rainville, T. T. McKinney, W. E. Elder, Carl C. Myers, H. F. Miles, Earl O. Busby, Herbert E. Ceowhurst, R. A. Wasen and Eric Nelson Yuba Citymotored up from Marysville and Yuba City and the following:

W. H. Clark, L. A. Williams, Eugene E. Dicon, George E. Dixon, Ray Simmons, F. M. Dutra. Raymond E. Finney, G. B. Gilmore, R. A. Dawkins, Richard M. Scott, Raymond Overman, L. B. Higgins, Joe H. Haverstadt, L. P. Sutcliffe, H. F. Scott H. W. Peterson and Dick Scott of Dobbins were in town Saturday evening attending the Masonic Lodg meeting.

Warren and Leland Pauly returned to Marysville Sunday after spending the week end with their family here

B. F. McNaught and S. D. Jones left Tuesday for Los Angeles where they will remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kendall and Miss Merle Horwege of Hammonton were in town over the week end on short visit to their home here.

Mrs. B. F. McNaught and son Minot Rddell left Wednesday for Los Angeles and Glendale where they will send the winter months.

Mrs Margaret Colton of Sacramento who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Rachael M. Labadie at the Hotel Francis left a few days ago for her home at the capital city.

MANY THINGS ARE WORSE THAN WAR SAYS PROVOST

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 12.—"The totalitarian regime is worse than war," Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice president and provost of the University of California said here at the Institute of World Affairs.

"War is an evil, yes, a horror," Dr. Deutsch said. "But there are greater evils. War involves death, but what a different world we should have, if men had not been willing to face physical destruction for a great and noble cause, for religion, for freedom of thought, for freedom of the body and the mind.

"Harmful as the effects of war have been on mankind, infinitely worse would it have been, if mankind, to avoid it, had made a Munich of every crisis, In our own land what would Washington and Lincoln have had to say of that?"

Dr. Deutsch spoke on "War and the Humanities" on the opening day of the eighteenth annual institute.

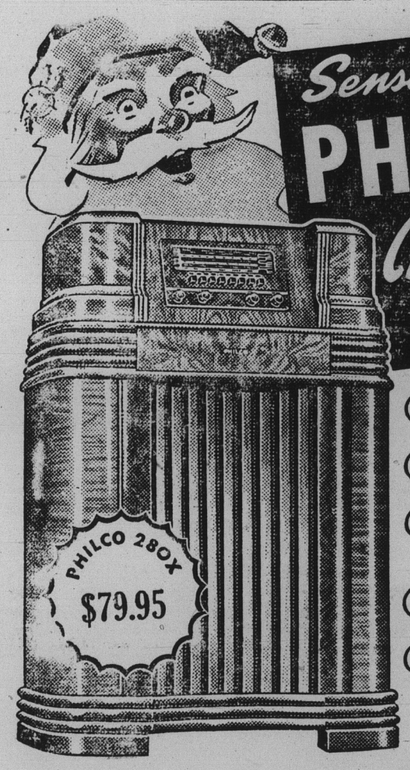
"War is baleful to the humanities, but infinitely more baleful is the totalitarian regime," Dr. Deutsch continued. "It hobbles the mind of youth, drives out its great souls or destroys them, even rejoices in the fire in which the works of its great intellects are consumed to a crisp.

"If such a regime continues its path of victory, darker ages than the world has ever seen will ensue."

Dr. Deutsch said that if war is to be banished from the world a new spirit "which will once more accept the individual as of first importance not the state, a spirit which will renounce persecution, robbery and the banishment of unoffending minorities" must prevail.

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CHURCHES

TRINITY EPISCOPAL

8:30 (There will be no Holy Communion services at the early hour until the second Sunday in February.

9:45 Church school.

11:15 Morning prayer and sermon. The rector will address the congregation upon "Our Nation's Debt to the Bible." Miss Mary Libbey will be at the organ. Mrs. Marian Libbey will be in charge of the vested choir. Mr. William Wagner will read the lessons for the day.

Note—Last Sunday, we were very fortunate in being visited by Chaplain Runnels of the United States Army. His address was timely and instructive one. We hope that he will visit with us again in the near future.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Two masses will be celebrated at the St. Canice Catholic Church Sunday. The first mass will be at eight a. m. and the second at ten a. m.

Father Patrick O'Reilly and Father Edward Williams are the ministers.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, 114 Boulder Street. Sunday school starts at 9:45. Testimonial meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.

Sunday's sermon will be: "God, The Preserver of Man."

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ray Murchie is the superintendent.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Special musical numbers and vocal solos. Rev. David Ralston's topic will be Bible Sunday, Our Indebtedness to the Bible.

Epworth League activities will start at 6 p. m. sharp. After the preaching hour there will be a fellowship for all. The sermon by Rev. Ralston will be The Peace of God.

Weeks events will include:

Tuesday—Bible study and prayer hour at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Choir practice at 7 p. m. Come and help us in the arrangements for Christmas music.

Thursday—Young People's prayer meeting.

Friday—Orchestra practice at 7:30 p. m. Johnny Blamey is the conductor. Young people are invited to be members of the church's orchestra. Come Friday night and bring your instruments.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

JENKINS—In Nevada City, December 11, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jenkins of the Newtown district, a daughter.

McKENZIE—At the Nevada City Sanitarium, December 11, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McKenzie, a son.

BUSBY—At the Nevada City Sanitarium, December 8 ,1940, to Mr. and Mrs. James Busby, a son.

CUNNELSON —At the Nevada City Sanitarium, December 9, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gunneson, a daughter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

LAMB-O'BRIEN—In Reno, Nev., December 10, 1940, to John E. Lamb, 34, and Betty B. O'Brien, 22, both of Grass Valley.

DIVORCES

ELLIS—In Nevada City, December 9, 1940, Ted Ellis against Marie Ellis; suit filed; ground, extreme cruelty.

COURTNEY — In Nevada City, December 9, 1940, Floyd P. Courtney against Margaret Courtney; suit filed; ground, extreme cruelty.

DEATHS

O'NEILL—In Nevada City, December 11, 1940, Joe O'Neill, brother of John O'Neill and Henry O'Neill of Nevada City, Nan O'Neill and Charlie O'Neill of Berkeley; a native of Nevada City, aged 47 years. The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the St. Canice Catholic Church under the direction of the Holmes Funeral Home.

BARKER—In Sacramento, December 9, 1940, Mrs. Lauretta Barker, mother of Mrs. Carl Day of Alameda, Miss Ruth Barker of Sacramento, Mrs. Fred Yocum of Grass Valley, Miss Marjorie Barker of San Diego, Denton Barker of Dixon and Theodore Barker of San Francisco; sister of William Williams of Westwood, Johnson Williams of Los Angeles, George Williams and Mrs Hattie Truscott of Grass Valley, Mrs. Annie Mortley, Mrs. Emma Huston and Mrs. Alice Nester of San Francisco; a native of Solano county, aged 67 years. The funeral services were held today at the Hooper-Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley followed by interment in the family lot in the Greenwood Cemetery.

LAVA CAP WILL GIVE $7,000 IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

When the 350 Lava Cap Mines employees open their pay envelopes on December 23rd they will find Christmas bonus checks ranging from $25 to $5 in addition to their regular checks.

General Manager Otto Schiffner announced today more than $7,000 will be distributed as bonuses to the mine company employees as Christmas gifts.

For those in the employ of the company for more than one year, $25 will be given. Those employed for less than a year but more than a month will get $10 and those at work less than a month will receive $5.

ACCIDENT CASES HEARD HERE BY STATE REFEREE

Several Industrial Accident Commission hearings were conducted here Tuesday before Referee F. B. Sbafford.

In the case of Henry Wagner vs. Empire-Star Mines, Ltd., and the Pacific Employees Association the matter was taken under advisement. It was the second hearing of the case.

David R. Johnson's case against the Idaho-Maryland Mines Corporation was postponed until a future date.

A further hearing on the case of Harold Benjamin Snyder against tne Empire-Star Mines and the Pacific Employees Association will also be held later following an examination of Snyder by an independent medical examiner. The applicant asks for further compensation for an injury sustained October 13, 1938 while in the employ of the Empire-Star Mines.

DUAL ROLE IN QUARTERBACK WINS PRAISE

Looking back on his work making "The Quarterback," the Paramount picture which opens Saturday at the Nevada Theatre, Wayne Morris can heave a sigh of relief. Now that it's over the truth can be told. He never worked so hard in his life.

In the picture he plays a dual role that of his own twin brother. As the hero he is a Phi Beta Kappa student, as the heel he is the university's star quarterback. It is an ingenious story in which twin brothers go through college on one athletic scholarship, one keeps up the studies and the other takes care of the athletics. He was in practically every scene on the picture's entire shooting schedule.

He started off the first day digging a ditch with the sun beating down on him at the rate of 100 degrees a minute. Then came the football sequences, with pads, sweaters, woolen socks and heavy shoes, in July. They took several days. No relief was found when he worked in air conditioned sound proof stage. He had to make 32 changes of clothes in one day.

Open House Saturday At Lola Montez Home

"Open house" at the historic home of the late Lola Montez, corner Mill and Walsh Streets, Grass Valley, will be the scene next Saturday afternoon of a dance, entitled "Earthbound." The dancer "Cynthianna" will be assisted by her pupils in this beautiful dance. A novel entertainment will be given between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening by the dancers.

Mrs. Ellen M. Linde, of Lola Montez house, states that this Christmas she is offering a wide selection of gifts in antiquities, among which are a needle point for a prie Dieu, made 100 years ago, colored prints of 1784, exquisite cards by several good artists, pictures by the noted artist, Gene Klose, unique chandeliers, "Sketches of the Gold Country" by Harley M. Leete, Jr., illustrated by Clifford Warner.

Mine Owner From S. F.—

H. U. Maxfield of San Francisco; chief owner of the Original Sixteen-to-One Mine, is visiting this section for a day or two.

HERE FROM RUBY MINE

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huelsdonk of the Ruby Mine near Forest were visitors here yesteerday. Huelsdonk is superintendent of the mine.

PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE CASE BEGINS IN MINING TRIAL HERE

The defense side in the Empire-Star Mines suit against Cooley Butler and Wallace Butler, operators of the Golden Center Mine in Grass Valley, is now being presented in the superior court here.

The case for the plaintiff was completed by the end of Monday's proceedings.

Following remarks by Attorney Pierce Butler, counsel for the Butlers, the defense began. The first witnesses called by Butler were William Simkins and Fred Nobs, Empire Star Mines, Ltd., officials. Both were important witnesses in the presentation of the plaintiff's case, and were called as witnesses for the defense under a provision in the civil procedure code.

Kallenborn Testifies

Fred Kallenborn, engineer for the Golden Center, was then called to the stand. Kallenborn was a defendant in the original complaint but the action against him was dismissed when the trial opened.

The defense introduced two underground workings models as exhibits as well as many underground photographs.

W. Butler On Stand

Wallace Butler, one of the defendants and a son of Cooley Butler took the witness stand yesterday afternoon. When the trial opened this morning he was under cross examination by Robert Searls, attorney for the Empire-Star Mines.

The trial is being presided over by Superior Judge Warren Steel of Yuba County. When court is adjourned at the end of today it is likely it will not resume until December 23rd. Attorney Searls stated his presence is needed in Los Angeles on a court matter there on next Wednesday. Judge Steel announced his calendar is full and unless another judge could be secured he would have to preside in his own court next week.

This is the third week of the trial, considered the most imortant mine case in the Nevada County Superior Court since the famous Champion-Home suit 35 years ago.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA TO CLEAR TAHOE ROADS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—(UP)—The California highway commission and the Nevada highway department have signed a contract under which the Nevada department will clear snow from designated roads in the Lake Tahoe area this winter.

The contract applies to the road from Stateline through Bijou and Al Tahoe, thence to Richardson's and the nearby California fish hatchery.

Under the agreement the Nevada highway group will also keep the road open from south Tahoe resorts to Meyers station. Nevada will be compensated by the state of California for such work.

Announcement of the signing of the contract means, it is believed, that organized efforts of the past few months by Tahoe area groups and California winter sports promoters to have the Echo Summit road kept open during the winter have failed.



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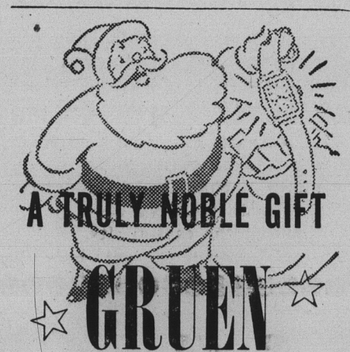
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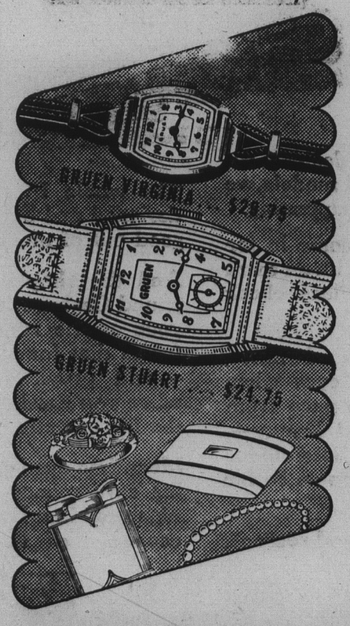
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